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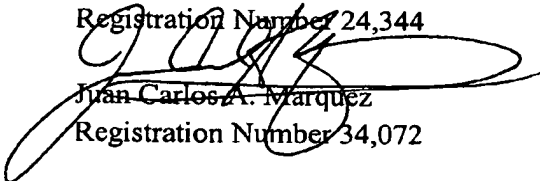
Sir:

In response to the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed on August 16, 2002, Applicants are submitting drawings for Figures 7 and 8A-C, in which the legend of "Prior Art" is being added, in connection with the above-captioned application.

The period for response has been extended to expire on January 16, 2003 by the filing herewith of a petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the required fee. Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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